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SUPPRESSION OF INDIAN HOSTILITIES.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

IN REPLY TO

A resolution of the House of Representatives of June 7, 1866, transmitting reports of Quartermaster General, Commissary General, and Paymaster General, as to amount expended in suppressing Indian hostilities during 1864–'65.

DECEMBER 4, 1866.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, December 3, 1866.

SIR: In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of June 7, 1866, directing the Secretary of War to inform the House what amount of money has been expended for the suppression of Indian hostilities, &c., during the years 1864 and 1865, I have the honor to send herewith reports on the subject from the Quartermaster General, the Commissary General of Subsistence, and the Paymaster General, from which it will be seen that—

The quartermaster's department expended in	
1864	$9,110,372 00
1865	19,263,856 00
The subsistence department expended in	
1864	155,459 74
1865	359,788 46
And the pay department expended in	
1864	508,953 95
1865	1,132,512 78
And that the total expenditures in 1864 and 1865 amount to	30,530,942 93

Some of the above information having been only recently received, this report could not be made in time for the last session of Congress, but the earliest opportunity is now taken for presenting it.

Your obedient servant,

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., November 27, 1866.

SIR: In response to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 7th of June last, calling for information as to the amount of money "expended for the suppression of Indian hostilities, and for the various military expeditions against the Indian tribes, during the years 1864 and 1865, stating particularly the amounts expended in each year and each expedition, respectively," I have the honor to submit the following approximate statements of the amounts so expended by the quartermaster's department.

It is impossible to state the exact amount which should be charged to these expeditions, first, because the expenditures for those objects during the past two years have not been kept separate from the other expenditures of the department; second, in many cases the troops forming these expeditions and their transportation and supplies were taken from their several posts and commands, were used against the Indians for certain periods, and again returned to their stations; and, third, in other cases the troops sent to the frontier were actively employed but a portion of the time against the Indians, while the expense of supporting them was going on during a much longer period.

The following statements are, however, made up from the best data attainable, and show as near as possible the amount expended on account of the quartermaster's department in each of the following expeditions and campaigns in the years 1864 and 1865:

Expedition.	Amount for each.	Total per year.
1864.		
Northwestern Indian expedition	$6,236,000	
Apaches	737,908	
Walnut creek	73,487	
Smoky Hill	83,341	
Little Blue	23,786	
North Platte	213,810	
California and Oregon	1,018,034	
Plum creek	80,495	
Sand creek	182,524	
Kiowas	311,617	
Republican river	47,596	
New Mexico	101,774	
		$9,110,372
1865.		
Northwestern expedition	1,394,190	
New Mexico	298,849	
Districts of the plains	13,470,957	
Kiowa expedition	100,703	
California and Oregon	1,553,816	
Republican river	30,173	
Northwest territory	2,415,168	
		19,263,856
Total for the two years		28,374,228

The resolution above referred to is herewith respectfully returned.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient servant,

M. C. MEIGS,
Brevet Major General U. S. A., Quartermaster General.

HON. EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

Estimate of the amount of money expended in the payment of troops engaged in the suppression of Indian hostilities during the years 1864 *and* 1865, *the amount expended each year, and the cost of each expedition.*

No. expendit'e.	Date. From—	Date. To—	Commander.	Strength. Officers.	Strength. Men.	Amount.
	1864.	1864.				
1	Jan. 6	Jan. 24	Colonel C. Carson	14	375	$4,158 60
2	Jan. 26	Jan. 27	Lieutenant T. A. Young	1	12	9 60
3	Feb. 24	Feb. 29	Captain J. H. Whitlock	1	21	68 93
4	Feb. 27	Mar. 4	Captain F. McCabe	1	50	187 65
5	Mar. 3	Mar. 23	Major Rinearson	2	70	811 10
6	Mar. 4	Mar. 31	Captain J. Thompson	1	52	734 96
7	Mar. 17	Mar. 28	Captain William E. Hull	2	37	276 71
8	Mar. 27	April 6	Lieutenant K. Geer	2	52	292 50
9	April 8	April 23	Captain D. M. Greene	2	25	295 00
10	April 20	Oct. 31	Captain J. M. Drake	7	147	21,406 18
11	April 23	April 25	Captain D. M. Greene	1	11	18 13
12	April 1	April 15	Captain William E. Hull	2	37	352 21
13	April 27	May 2	Lieutenant K. Geer	2	15	77 45
14	April 28	Oct. 31	Captain G. B. Curry	7	116	17,014 18
15	April 1	April 24	Captain J. H. Whitlock	2	56	782 58
16	May 1	Aug. 31	Col. E. A. Riggs, (Apache exped'n)	21	472	42,264 10
17	Mar. 3	Mar. 31	Lieutenant Burkett	1	14	284 55
18	April 24	April 29	Captain J. H. Whitlock	1	21	68 68
19	May 1	May 31	Major Rinearson	9	113	3,001 00
20	May 12	May 31	Lieutenant Oakes	2	33	481 60
21	June 27	Dec. 31	Captain R. S. Caldwell, (Cañon City Road expedition.)	4	97	12,974 30
22	June 1	Nov. 20	Brig. Gen. Altred Sully, (North-western Indian expedition.)	116	2,758	352,297 91
23	Sept. 8	Sept. 24	Brig. Gen. R. B. Mitchell	24	492	6,070 85
24	Sept. 11	Sept. 30	Major General J. G. Blunt	2	300	3,378 10
25	Sept. 6	Sept. 30	Major E. W. Wynkoop	11	263	4,716 40
26	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	Colonel C. Carson, (Kiowa Indian expedition.)	9	270	16,996 50
27	Oct. 1	Oct. 31	Captain A. G. White	3	57	1,329 00
28	Oct. 1	Oct. 31	Captain Kuhl	9	183	4,290 00
29	Nov. 26	Nov. 30	Lieutenant J. P. Murphy	1	18	57 99
30	Nov. 26	Dec. 1	Captain L. P. Gillette	1	45	148 94
31	Nov. 16	Nov. 30	Lieutenant Frazier	1	19	205 94
32	Nov. 16	Nov. 17	Captain W. W. Ivory	1	40	425 60
33	Nov. 19	Nov. 27	Captain T. J. Majors	1	15	99 55
34	Nov. 21	Nov. 30	Captain S. M. Curran	2	15	154 20
35	Nov. 26	Nov. 30	Captain H. W. Cremer	1	100	243 26
36	Nov. 27	Nov. 30	Captain T. J. Majors	1	50	97 95
37	Nov. 20	Dec. 15	Colonel J. M. Chivington	2	575	8,357 82
38	Dec. 1	Dec. 31	Troops at Plum creek	8	176	4,040 00
39	Dec. 12	Dec. 18	Lieutenant J. P. Murphy	2	60	255 80
40	Dec. 23	Dec. 31	Lieutenant Sanchez	1	50	228 21
			Total am't expended in 1864	.....	.....	508,953 95
	1865.	1865.				
40	Jan. 1	Jan. 9	Lieutenant Sanchez	1	50	293 85
41	Jan. 10	Jan. 25	Party from Fort Kearney	4	151	1,542 50
21	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Captain R. S. Caldwell, (Cañon City Road expedition.)	6	156	42,792 60
42	Jan. 27	Jan. 31	Captain O'Regan	3	38	107 95
43	Jan. 10	Jan 31	Lieutenant Frazier	1	39	303 11
44	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Captain E. B. Murphy	2	90	1,770 00

Estimate of the amount of money expended in the payment of troops, &c.—Cont'd.

No. expendit'e.	Date. From—	Date. To—	Commander.	Strength. Officers.	Strength. Men.	Amount.
	1865.	1865.				
45	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Captain O. F. Porter	3	85	$1,805 00
46	Feb. 1	April 30	Colonel R. R. Livingston, (eastern sub-district of Nebraska.)	54	1,242	88,452 00
47	Mar. 1	Mar. 31	Lieut. Col. Wm. Baumer, (western sub-district of Nebraska.)	38	1,146	25,942 00
48	April 1	June 30	Colonel C. A. R. Dimon, (troops at Fort Rice, Dakota Terr'y.)	12	364	24,288 00
49	April 24	April 30	Party from Alkali, Neb. Territory.	1	38	160 90
50	May 1	July 31	Colonel C. Carson	9	253	17,209 50
51	May 22	Sept. 30	Brig. Gen. A. Sully, (Northwestern Indian expedition.)	25	821	77,605 38
52	May 1	July 31	Brig. Gen. P. E. Connor, (district of the plains.	291	7,588	506,231 50
53	June 1	June 30	Lieutenant J. G. Blake	2	97	1,966 00
54	July 1	July 30	Lieuteuant Charles Hobart	7	213	4,730 50
55	May 15	Oct. 31	Captain Titus	4	98	12,880 00
56	Aug. 1	Aug. 31	Captain J. W. S. Powell	6	166	3,782 00
57	Aug. 1	Aug. 31	Lieutenant J. W. Cullen	1	39	823 00
58	Aug. 1	Aug. 31	Colonel E. H. McNally	39	947	22,729 00
59	Aug. 1	Aug. 31	Major L. F. Warner	13	558	11,697 00
60	Sept. 1	pt. 25	Captain L. P. Sprague	3	82	1,451 22
61	Oct. 1	Oct. 31	Colonel L. L. Williams	4	117	2,629 00
62	Oct. 21	Oct. 28	Lieutenant C. H. Chapman	1	25	138 27
63	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	Brevet Major General F. Wheaton, (district of Nebraska.)	168	3,526	260,265 00
64	Nov. 1	Dec. 31	Major H. M. Benson	9	207	9,904 50
65	Dec. 1	Dec. 31	Colonel T. F. Wright	18	293	7,861 00
66	Dec. 1	Dec. 31	Troops at Camp Alvord, Oregon	4	136	2,952 00
			Total am't expended in 1865	.....	.....	1,132,512 78

(21) Amount expended for Cañon City road expedition, 1864	$12,974 30
Do.....do.....do.....1865	42,792 60
Total	55,766 90
(40) Amount expended for expedition of Lieutenant Sanchez, 1864	$228 21
Do.....do.....do.....1865	293 85
Total	522 06
Total amount expended in 1864	$508,953 95
Total amount expended in 1865	1,132,512 78
Total	1,641,466 73

B. W. BRICE, *Paymaster.*

OFFICE COMMISSARY GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE,
Washington, July 26, 1866.

SIR: In compliance with your instructions I have the honor to submit a report of the cost to the subsistence department of the various military expeditions against the Indian tribes during the years 1864 and 1865, stating particularly the amounts expended in each year and each expedition, respectively, as called for by the resolution of the House of Representatives of June 7, 1866.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. B. EATON,
Commissary General of Subsistence.

Hon. E. M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

Statement showing various expeditions and scouts actually employed against the Indians in the years 1864 and 1865; their strength, field of operations, and the dates during which they were carried on, so far as shown by the returns on file in the Adjutant General's office.

Date.	Expeditions, &c.	Strength.			Days absent.	Rations consumed.	Price of rations.	Total cost of rations.
		Commanding officers.	Enlisted men.	Aggregate.				
1864.							Cents.	
Jan. 6	Colonel C. Carson, 1st New Mexico volunteers, left Fort Canby, New Mexico, for Cañon de Chelly, New Mexico, returning January 24. Detachment	14	375	389	19	7,125	28.9	$2,059 12
Jan. 26	Lieutenant T. A. Young left Fort Craig, New Mexico, in command of a scout, returning January 27	1	12	13	2	24	28.9	6 93
Feb. 24	Captain J. H. Whitlock, 5th California volunteers, left Camp Membres, New Mexico, in command of a scout, returning February 29. Detachment	1	21	22	6	126	28.9	36 41
Feb. 27	Captain F. McCabe, 1st New Mexico volunteers, left Fort Canby, New Mexico, in command of a scout, marched to Fort Fauntleroy, New Mexico, and to Cañon Well, returning March 4, 1864. Detachment company L, 1st New Mexico cavalry	1	50	51	7	350	28.9	101 15
March 3	Major Rinearson, 1st Oregon cavalry, left Fort Boisé, Idaho Territory, in command of a scout for the vicinity of the Owyhee river, returning March 23, 1864:							
	Detachment 1st Oregon cavalry	1	20	21	21	420	24.4	102 48
	Detachment 1st Washington Territory infantry	1	50	51	21	1,050	24.4	256 20
March 4	Captain John Thompson, 1st New Mexico cavalry, commanding guards for Indians, left Fort Canby, New Mexico, for Bosque Redondo. Detachment of cavalry	1	52	53	....	.....	28.9	.....
March 17	Captain W. E. Hull, 2d California infantry, commanding scout near Blue Rock station, remaining in that neighborhood till March 28, 1864. Company D, 2d California infantry	2	37	39	12	444	20.3	90 13
March 27	Lieutenant K. Geer, battalion mountaineers, California volunteers, left Fort Gaston, California, on a scout in the vicinity of Trinity river, returning April 6, 1864. Detachment of mountaineers, California volunteers	2	52	54	11	572	20.3	116 11
April 8	Captain M. D. Green, 6th California infantry, left Fort Gaston, California, in command of a scout. Detachment company E, California infantry	2	25	27	....	.....	26	.....
April 20	Captain J. M. Drake, commanding "expedition against the Snake Indians,"							

		left Fort Dalles, Oregon, scouting during the whole of the month. Two companies 1st Oregon infantry	8	145	153	11	1,595	24.5	390 77
April	23	Captain M. D. Green, 6th California infantry, left Camp Jaqua, California, in command of a scout, returning April 25, 1864. Detachment	1	11	12	3	33	26	8 58
April	1	Captain W. E. Hull, 2d California infantry, commanding scout in Mendocino county, California, till April 15, 1864. Company D, 2d California infantry	2	37	39	15	355	26	144 30
April	27	Lieutenant K. Geer, battalion mountaineers, California volunteers, left Camp Jaqua, California, on a scout, returning May 2, 1864. Distance marched 100 miles. Detachment California infantry	2	15	17	6	90	26	23 40
April	28	Captain G. B. Curry, commanding expedition against the Snake Indians, left Fort Walla-Walla, Washington Territory. Two companies 1st Oregon cavalry	6	101	107	3	303	24.5	74 23
April	—	Captain J. H. Whitlock, 5th California volunteers, left Camp Membres, New Mexico, in command of a scout for the foot of the Sierra Bonita mountains; date of leaving and returning not stated. Detachment	2	56	58	....	.....	28.9	.....
May	—	Captain G. B. Curry's expedition continued during the entire month operating on the Umatilla river to Gibbs's creek, about 100 miles up the Owyhee river. Two companies 1st Oregon cavalry and detachment 1st Washington Territory infantry	9	147	156	31	4,557	24.5	1,116 46
May	—	Colonel E. A. Riggs's Apache expedition started from various points in New Mexico, and continued during the month. Companies D and H, 1st California infantry; E, 1st California cavalry; and A, C, and E, 5th California infantry	19	415	434	31	12,865	28.9	3,717 98
May	—	Major Rinearson, 1st Oregon cavalry, commanding Fort Boisé, Idaho Territory. Command continually engaged against Indians during the month. Companies D, G, and I, 1st Washington Territory infantry	9	113	122	31	3,503	24.5	858 23
May	12	Lieutenant Oakes left camp at Boynton's prairie, California, in command of a scout; date of returning not given. Detachment company C, 6th California infantry	2	33	35	....	.....	26.3	.....
May	—	Captain J. M. Drake's expedition continued during the entire month. Companies D and G, 1st Oregon infantry	8	143	151	31	4,433	24.5	1,086 08
March	3	Lieutenant Burkett, 5th California infantry, left Camp Membres, New Mexico, in command of a scout for the Florida mountains; date of returning not stated. Detachment	1	14	15	....	.....	28.9	.....
April	24	Captain J. H. Whitlock, 5th California infantry, left Camp Membres to intercept a party of Indians at Los Pios Altos, returning April 29, 1864 Detachment	1	21	22	6	126	28.9	36 41
June	—	Colonel E. A. Riggs's Apache expedition continued during the entire month. Companies D and H, 1st California infantry; A, C, and E, 5th California infantry; and C and E, 1st California cavalry	22	491	513	30	14,730	28.9	4,256 97
June	7	Captain J. M. Drake's expedition continued. Marched Crooked river, Harney valley, and thence to the Owyhee desert. Companies D and G, 1st Oregon infantry	8	167	175	30	5,010	23.8	1,192 38

Statement showing various expeditions and scouts actually employed against the Indians in the years 1864 and 1865, &c.—Continued.

Date.	Expeditions, &c.	Strength.			Days absent.	Rations consumed.	Price of rations.	Total cost of rations.
		Commanding officers.	Enlisted men.	Aggregate.				
1864.							*Cents.*	
June —	Captain Curry's expedition continued operating near Harney lake, Oregon. Companies A and E, 1st Oregon cavalry, and G, 1st Washington Territory infantry	8	137	145	30	4,110	23.8	$978 18
June 27	Captain R. S. Caldwell, 1st Oregon cavalry, left Fort Vancouver, Washington Territory, in command of the Cañon City road expedition, organized to protect the road between Dalles and Cañon City, Oregon. Company B, 1st Oregon cavalry, and company E, 1st Washington Territory infantry	3	88	91	4	352	23.8	83 77
June —	Northwestern Indian expedition, commanded by Brigadier General Alfred Sully, started from Sioux City, Iowa, and marched to Swan Lake outlet, Dakota Territory:							
	General and staff officers	7	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
	Infantry	58	1,316	1,374	....	.....	21.1	.....
	Cavalry	102	2,584	2,686	....	.....	21.1	.....
	Artillery	5	131	136	....	.....	21.1	.....
	(For synopsis of the troops engaged in this expedition see month of November, 1864.)							
July —	Apache expedition continued. Companies D and H, 1st California infantry; A, C, and E, 5th California infantry; and C and E, 1st California cavalry	22	491	513	31	15,221	28.9	4,398 86
July —	Captain Curry's expedition continued operating during the month on the Umatilla river and on the south fork of John Day's river. Companies A and E, 1st Oregon cavalry, and G, 1st Washington Territory infantry	8	145	153	31	4,495	31.2	1,402 44
July —	Captain J. M. Drake's expedition continued operating during the month with Captain Curry's expedition. Companies D and G, 1st Oregon cavalry	8	167	175	31	5,177	31.2	1,615 22
July —	Cañon City road expedition continued. Company B, 1st Oregon cavalry, and detachment 1st Nebraska Territory infantry	6	127	133	31	3,937	31.2	1,228 34
July —	Northwestern Indian expedition continued. Stationed, at the last day of the month, near Heart river, Dakota Territory:							

	General and staff officers	7			31			
	Infantry	39	926	965	31	28,706	20.8	5,970 84
	Cavalry	102	2,579	2,681	31	79,949	20.8	16,629 39
	Artillery	5	130	135	31	4,030	20.8	838 24
August —	Apache expedition discontinued.							
August —	Captain Curry's expedition continued, operating from Camp Alvord, Oregon, to Sucker creek, Idaho Territory. Companies A and E, 1st Oregon cavalry, and G, 1st Washington Territory infantry	8	136	144	31	4,216	32.5	1,370 20
August —	Cañon City road expedition continued. Company B, 1st Oregon cavalry, and company E, 1st Washington Territory infantry	6	126	132	31	3,906	32.5	1,269 45
August —	Captain Drake's Fort Dalles expedition continued, operating in Oregon. Companies D and G, 1st Oregon cavalry	8	167	175	31	5,177	32.5	1,682 52
August —	Northwestern Indian expedition continued. Stationed, at the end of the month, near Snake creek, Dakota Territory:							
	General and staff officers	7			31			
	Infantry	39	923	962	31	28,613	28.8	8,240 54
	Cavalry	102	2,575	2,677	31	79,825	28.8	22,989 60
	Artillery	5	130	135	31	4,030	28.8	1,160 64
Sept. —	Captain Curry's expedition continued, operating in Oregon and Idaho Territory. Companies A and E, 1st Oregon cavalry	6	106	112	30	3,180	35.6	1,132 08
Sept. —	Cañon City road expedition, Captain H. C. Small, 1st Oregon cavalry, commanding since September 26, 1864, continued. Company G, 1st Oregon cavalry, &c	5	113	118	30	3,390	35.6	1,206 84
Sept. —	Captain Drake's expedition continued, operating in Oregon. Company D, 1st Oregon cavalry	5	96	101	30	2,880	35.6	1,025 28
Sept. —	Northwestern expedition continued. Stationed, on the last day of the month, at Fort Rice, Dakota Territory:							
	General and staff officers	6			30			
	Cavalry	76	1,990	2,066	30	59,700	28.5	17,014 50
Sept. 8	Brigadier General R. B. Mitchell left Chalk Bluffs, on Solomon river, in command of an expedition to the vicinity of Cottonwood Springs and North Platte, returning about September 24, 1864. Companies A, B, C, and E, 7th Iowa cavalry	22	383	405	17	6,511	28.9	1,881 67
	Detachment of artillery	2	35	37	17	595	28.9	171 95
	Indians employed		74	74	17	1,258	28.9	363 56
Sept. 11	Major General J. G. Blunt, U. S. V., in command of a scout, left Fort Riley, Kansas, for headwaters of Walnut creek, returning September 30, 1864:							
	Cavalry	1	260	261	20	5,200	28.5	1,482 00
	Artillery	1	40	41	20	800	28.5	228 00

Statement showing various expeditions and scouts actually employed against the Indians in the years 1864 and 1865, &c.—Continued.

Date.	Expeditions, &c.	Strength.			Days absent.	Rations consumed.	Price of rations.	Total cost of rations.
		Commanding officers.	Enlisted men.	Aggregate.				
1864.							*Cents.*	
Sept. 6	Major E. W. Wyncoope, 1st colored cavalry, left Fort Lyon, Colorado Territory, in command of an expedition to Smoky Hill, Colorado Territory. Expedition discontinued latter part of the month. Three companies 1st colored cavalry	11	263	274	25	6,575	28.5	$1,873 87
Oct. —	Kiowa Indian expedition, commanded by Colonel C. Carson, was organizing during this month at Fort Bascom, New Mexico. Companies A and K, 1st California infantry, D, 1st New Mexico cavalry, and M, 1st California cavalry	9	288	297	.....	.....	28.9	.....
Oct. —	Captain Curry's expedition continued. In camp in Oregon on the last day of the month. Company E, 1st Oregon cavalry	3	42	45	31	1,302	35.6	463 51
Oct. —	Captain Drake's expedition discontinued.							
Oct. —	Cañon City road expedition continued. Company G, 1st Oregon cavalry	3	74	77	31	2,294	35.6	816 66
Oct. —	Northwestern Indian expedition continued. Stationed, on the last day of the month, at Sioux City, Iowa:							
	General and staff officers	6	.....	.....	31	.....	.....	.....
	Cavalry	71	1,892	1,963	31	58,652	30.8	18,064 81
Oct. —	Troops at Little Blue Station, Nebraska Territory, Captain A. G. White commanding, were continually engaged scouting against the Indians during the month. Company C, Nebraska militia	3	57	60	31	1,767	30.8	544 23
Oct. —	Troops at Cottonwood, Nebraska Territory, Captain Kahl, 1st Nebraska cavalry, commanding, were actively engaged scouting in the vicinity of the post during the month. One company 7th Iowa cavalry and two companies 1st Nebraska cavalry	9	183	192	31	5,673	30.8	1,747 28
Nov. 26	Lieutenant J. P. Murphy, 1st Nebraska cavalry, left Fort Kearney, Nebraska Territory, in command of a scout, marched to Pawnee ranche, on the Little Blue river, returning November 30, 1864. Detachment of cavalry	1	18	19	5	90	31.3	28 17
Nov. 26	Captain L. P. Gillette, 1st Nebraska cavalry, left Fort Kearney, Nebraska Ter-							

		ritory, for Republican river, returning December 1, 1864. Detachment of cavalry	1	45	46	6	270	31.3	84 51
Nov.	12	Kiowa Indian expediton left Fort Bascom in command of Colonel C. Carson; was engaged during the month on the Canadian river. Command	9	262	271	30	7,860	28.8	2,263 68
Nov.	5	Captain Curry's expedition discontinued	3	42	45	5	210	35.6	74 76
Nov.	16	Lieutenant Frazier, in command of a scout, left Camp Grant, California; date of returning not known. Detachment	1	19	20			32.6	
Nov.	—	Cañon City road expedition continued. Lieutenant W. M. Hand, 1st Oregon cavalry, commanding company G, 1st Oregon cavalry	3	76	79	30	2,280	35.2	802 56
Nov.	20	Date of last return of the Northwestern Indian expedition stationed at Sioux City, Iowa:							
		General and staff officers	5			20			
		Cavalry	53	1,373	1,426	20	27,460	31.3	8,594 98
		Troops engaged in the Northwestern Indian expedition: 8th Minnesota volunteers, 10 companies, dropped in September; 2d Minnesota cavalry, 6 companies, dropped in September; 6th Iowa cavalry, 12 companies; 7th Iowa cavalry, 3 companies; Brackett's battalion, Minnesota cavalry, 4 companies; Dakota cavalry, 2 companies; Indian scouts, one company, dropped in November; 3d Minnesota battery, dropped in September; 3d Wisaonsin volunteers, 4 companies, dropped in July.							
Nov.	16	Captain W. W. Ivory, 1st Nebraska veteran cavalry, in command of a scout, moved from Post Plum creek southwest, up Plum creek, returning November 17, 1864. Detachment	1	40	41	2	80	31.3	25 04
Nov.	19	Captain T. J. Majors, commanding a detachment, rescued a train near Plum creek. Detachment	1	15	16	8	120	31.3	37 56
Nov.	21	Captain S. M. Curran, 1st Nebraska veteran calvary, was engaged near Plum creek in pursuit of Indians. Detachment	2	15	17	1	15	31.3	4 69
Nov.	26	Captain H. W. Cremer, 7th Iowa cavalry, commanding a scout, left Fort Cottonwood for Dan Smith's station, moved north to the Republican river, crossed and marched west to Beaver creek, and thence up the stream; turned direction north to the Platte river, crossing Republican river due south of Post Plum creek; thence back to Cottonwood. Detachment	1	100	101			31.3	
Nov.	27	Captain T. J. Majors, 1st Nebraska cavalry, commanding a scout operating in the vicinity of Post Plum creek, Republican river, and Spring creek, leaving Spring creek for Post Plum creek November 30, 1864. Detachment	1	50	51	4	200	31.3	62 60
Nov.	20	Colonel J. M. Chivington, 1st colored cavalry, took command of an expedition at Boonville, fought the Indians at Sand creek, 40 miles northeast from Fort Lyon, and proceeded in the direction of Camp Wyncoop, on Arkansas river. Expedition discontinued about December 15, 1864. 3d colored cavalry and detachment 1st colored cavalry	2	575	577	26	14,950	31.3	4,679 35
		(The names of only two officers appear on the report.)							

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Date.	Expeditions, &c.	Strength. Commanding officers.	Enlisted men.	Aggregate.	Days absent.	Rations consumed.	Price of rations.	Total cost of rations.
							Cents.	
1864.								
Dec. —	Kiowa Indian expedition continued during this month until some time in January, 1865, when the companies composing it were sent to Fort Bascom and Los Pinos, New Mexico. Command	8	259	267	31	8,029	28.8	$2,312 35
Dec. —	Cañon City Road expedition, Captain Small, 1st Oregon cavalry, commanding, continued. Company G, 1st Oregon cavalry	3	76	79	31	2,356	36.5	859 94
Dec. —	Troops at Plum creek, Nebraska Territory, were constantly engaged during the month scouting after Indians. Four companies 1st Nebraska cavalry	8	176	184	31	5,456	31	1,691 36
Dec. 12	Lieutenant J. P. Murphy, 1st Nebraska cavalry, left Fort Kearney, Nebraska Territory, in command of a scouting party, for Plum creek; operated on Spring creek, Republican river, and Big Beaver creek, returning December 18, 1864. Detachment of cavalry	2	60	62	7	420	31	130 20
Dec. 23	Lieutenant Sanchez, 1st New Mexico cavalry, in command of a scout, started for the country known as El Rito Quenado, returning January 9, 1865. Detachment	1	50	51	18	900	28.8	259 20
	Total cost of rations consumed in 1864							155,459 74
1865.								
Jan. 10	Scouting party left Fort Kearney, Nebraska Territory, penetrated to Republican river, south of O'Fallon's bluffs, returning January 25, 1865. Detachment of cavalry	4	151	155	16	2,416	31	748 96
Jan. 10	Cañon City road expedition continued. Company G, 1st Oregon cavalry	3	75	78	31	2,325	37.5	871 87
Jan. 27	Captain O'Regan, in command of a scout, left Fort Boisé, Idaho Territory, toward the Bruno river; date of returning not stated. Detachment	3	38	41			37.5	
Jan. 10	Lieutenant Frazier, in command of a scout, left Camp Grant, California; destination and date of returning not stated. Detachment	1	39	40			35.5	
Jan. —	Troops at Alkali station, Nebraska Territory, Captain E. B. Murphy, commanding, continually engaged scouting during the month. 1st company							

		7th Iowa cavalry	2	90	92	31	2,790	31	864 90
Jan.	—	Troops at Gilman's station, Nebraska Territory, Captain C. F. Porter commanding, continually engaged scouting during the month. Company A, 1st Nebraska cavalry	3	85	88	31	2,635	31	816 85
Feb.	—	Troops in the eastern sub-district of Nebraska, Colonel R. R. Livingston, 1st Nebraska cavalry, commanding, continually engaged scouting during the month; stationed in the eastern part of Nebraska Territory and at Julesburg, Colorado Territory. Fifteen companies of cavalry	53	1,172	1,225	28	32,816	30.2	9,910 43
Feb.	—	Cañon City road expedition continued. Company G, 1st Oregon cavalry	3	75	78	28	2,100	38.7	812 70
March	—	Cañon City road expedition continued. Company G, 1st Oregon cavalry	3	75	78	31	2,325	38.7	899 77
March	—	Eastern sub-district of Nebraska. Thirteen companies of cavalry	48	1,116	1,164	31	34,596	29.8	10,309 60
March	—	Troops in the western sub-district of Nebraska, Lieutenant Colonel William Banmer, 1st Nebraska cavalry, commanding, engaged scouting during the month; stationed in the western part of Nebraska and in Idaho Territory. Seventeen companies of cavalry	38	1,146	1,184	31	35,526	29.8	10,586 74
April	—	Cañon City road expedition continued. Company G, 1st Oregon cavalry	3	74	77	30	2,220	37.8	839 16
April	—	Troops at Fort Rice, Dakota Territory, Colonel C. A. R. Dimon, 1st United States volunteers, commanding, continually engaged scouting in the vicinity of the post during the month. Six companies 1st United States volunteers	15	464	479	30	13,920	27.9	3,883 68
April	24	Scout left post at Alkali, Nebraska Territory; destination and date of returning not stated. Detachment 7th Iowa cavalry	1	38	39	....	.....	27.9	.....
April	—	Troops in the eastern sub-district of the plains, Colonel R. R. Livingston commanding, occupying eastern portion of Nebraska and Julesburg, Colorado Territory, continually engaged scouting during the month. Seventeen companies of cavalry	60	1,438	1,498	30	43,140	27.9	12,036 06
May	—	Colonel Christopher Carson, in command of an expedition, left Fort Union, New Mexico; field of operations not stated. The expedition continued until some time in July, 1865. Companies H, 1st New Mexico infantry; F, 1st California cavalry; and L, 1st New Mexico cavalry	9	253	262	60	15,180	28.8	4,371 84
May	—	Cañon City road expedition continued. Company G, 1st Oregon cavalry, and company H, 1st Oregon infantry	6	157	163	31	4,867	37.6	1,829 99
May	—	Troops at Fort Rice, Dakota Territory, continually engaged against the Indians during the month. Four companies 1st United States volunteers	10	301	311	31	9,331	27.4	2,556 69
May	22	Northwestern Indian expedition, Brigadier General A. Sully commanding, organized at Sioux City, Iowa. Three companies 7th Iowa cavalry, four companies Brackett's battalion Minnesota cavalry, and detachments	20	700	720	10	7,000	27.4	1,918 00
May	—	Troops of the district of the plains, Brigadier General P. Connor commanding, occupying the various posts in Nebraska, Colorado, and Utah Territories. Twenty-four companies of infantry and fifty-eight companies of cavalry, continually engaged against Indians during the month	278	6,973	7,251	31	216,163	21.6	53,176 09

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Date.	Expeditions, &c.	Strength.			Days absent.	Rations consumed.	Price of rations.	Total cost of rations.
		Commanding officers.	Enlisted men.	Aggregate.				
1865.							Cents.	
June —	Cañon City road expedition continued. Company G, 1st Oregon cavalry, and company H, 1st Oregon infantry	6	156	162	30	4,680	37.6	$1,759 68
June —	Lieutenant J. G. Blake, 4th California volunteers, was scouting in Arizona Territory. Detachment	2	97	99	....	.....	36.6	.....
June —	Troops at Fort Rice, Dakota Territory, were continually engaged in scouting during the month. Six companies 1st United States volunteers	10	328	338	30	9,840	24.6	2,420 64
June —	Northwestern Indian expedition continued operating near Fort Sully, Dakota Territory. Twelve companies of cavalry	31	1,052	1,083	30	31,560	24.6	7,763 76
June —	District of the Plains continued:							
	Twenty-four companies of infantry	77	2,072	2,149	30	62,160	24.6	15,291 36
	Fifty-eight companies of cavalry	189	4,848	5,037	30	145,440	24.6	35,778 24
July —	Cañon City road expedition continued. Companies G, 1st Oregon cavalry, and H, 1st Oregon infantry	6	155	161	31	4,805	39.2	1,883 56
July —	Lieutenant Charles Hobard, 1st Oregon cavalry, left Camp Lyon, Idaho Territory, with a scouting party for Surprise valley, California, returning July 30. Companies A, B, and D, 1st Oregon cavalry	7	213	220	....	.....	39.2	.....
July —	Northwestern expedition continued operating near Devil's Lake, Dakota Territory. Twelve companies of cavalry	31	1,012	1,043	31	31,372	23	7,215 56
July —	District of the Plains continued:							
	Infantry	66	1,550	1,616	31	48,050	23	11,051 50
	Cavalry	261	7 321	7,582	31	226,951	23	52,198 73
Aug. —	Captain Titus reported as being absent on a scout after Indians since May 15, 1865; left Fort Yuma, California. Company E, 4th California infantry	4	100	104	109	10,900	24	2,616 00
Aug. —	Troops at Camp Lyon, Idaho Territory, Captain J. W. S. Powell, 1st Oregon infantry commanding, engaged in various scouts during the month. Companies A and B, 1st cavalry, and D, 1st Oregon infantry	6	166	172	31	5 146	26.9	1,898 87

Aug.	—	Cañon City road expedition continued. Companies F and G, 1st Oregon cavalry, and F, H, and K, 1st Oregon infantry	11	300	311	31	9,300	36.9	3,431 70
Aug.	—	Camp Reed, Idaho Territory, Lieutenant J. W. Cutler, 1st Oregon infantry, commanding; troops engaged against Indians during the month. Detachments of companies B, 1st Oregon cavalry, and B, 1st Oregon infantry	1	39	40	31	1,209	36.9	446 12
Aug.	—	Northwestern Indian expedition continued operating near Fort Rice, Dakota Territory. Twelve companies of cavalry	32	986	1,018	31	30,566	23.7	7,244 14
Aug.	—	Troops at Camp Rankin, Colorado Territory, Colonel C. H. McNally, 3d U. S. volunteers, commanding. Four companies of infantry and nine of cavalry	39	947	986	....	.....	23.7	.....
Aug.	—	Troops at Fort Collins, Colorodo Territory, Major L. F. Warner, 7th Michigan cavalry, commanding, engaged in scouting during the month. Ten companies of cavalry	13	558	571	31	17,298	23.7	4,099 62
Sept.	—	Captain Titus's scout continued. Company E, 4th California cavalry	3	98	101	30	2,940	23.2	682 08
Sept.	1	Captain F. B. Sprague, 1st Oregon infantry, left Fort Klamath, Oregon, in command of a scout; arrived at Camp Alvord, on Horseshoe creek, Oregon, September 25. Companies C, 1st Oregon cavalry, and I, 1st Oregon infantry	3	82	85	25	2,050	36.9	756 45
Sept.	—	Cañon City road expedition continued. Company G, 1st Oregon cavalry, detachment company F, 1st Oregon cavalry, detachment company F, 1st Oregon infantry, and company K, 1st Oregon infantry	8	245	253	30	7,350	36.9	2,712 15
Sept.	—	Northwestern Indian expedition continued operating near Medicine creek, Dakota Territory. Five companies of cavalry	11	356	367	30	10,680	23.2	2,477 76
Oct.	—	Captain Titus's scout continued operating in Arizona Territory. Company E, 4th California infantry	6	94	100	31	2,914	23.4	681 87
Oct.	—	Cañon City road expedition continued. Same troops as in September	7	198	205	31	6,138	35.1	2,154 43
Oct.	31	Silvie's river expedition, Captain L. L. Williams, 1st Oregon infantry, commanding. Stationed near Harney lake, Oregon. Company H, 1st Oregon infantry, and detachments	4	117	121	....	.....	35.1	.....
Oct.	21	Lieutenant C. N. Chapman, 1st Oregon infantry, left Camp Alvord, Oregon, in command of a scout for White Horse creek, returning seven days after. Detachment of cavalry	1	25	26	7	175	35.1	61 42
Oct.	—	Troops in the district of Nebraska, Brevet Major General Frank Wheaton commanding, actively engaged during the month scouting and protecting the overland route against depredations of Indians:							
		Eleven companies of infantry	34	743	777	31	23,033	20.9	4,813 39
		Thirty-one companies of cavalry	112	2,667	2,779	31	82,677	20.9	17,279 49
Nov.	—	Troops at Fort Whipple, Arizona Territory, Major H. M. Benson, 4th California infantry, commanding, actively engaged against Indians during the month. Four companies of infantry	9	209	218	30	6,270	24.8	1,554 96
Nov.	—	Cañon City road expedition continued. Company G, 1st Oregon cavalry; detachment of company F, 1st Oregon cavalry; K, 1st Oregon infantry; and detachment of company F, 1st Oregon infantry	7	197	204	30	5,910	35.1	2,074 41

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		Commanding officers.	Enlisted men.	Aggregate.				
1865.							*Cents.*	
Nov. —	Troops in the district of Nebraska actively engaged scouting during the month:							
	Nine companies of infantry	26	556	582	30	16,680	20.4	$3,402 72
	Thirty-eight companies of cavalry	139	2,879	3,018	30	86,370	20.4	17,619 48
Dec. —	Troops at Fort Whipple, Arizona Territory, actively engaged against Indians during the month. Four companies of infantry	9	205	214	31	6,355	24.9	1,582 39
Dec. —	Troops in camp on San Pedro river, Arizona Territory, Colonel F. F. Wright, 2d California infantry, commanding, engaged in various scouts against Indians during the month. Five companies 2d California infantry	18	293	311	31	9,083	24.9	2,261 66
Dec. —	Cañon City road expedition continued. Companies G, 1st Oregon cavalry, and K, 1st Oregon infantry	7	166	173	31	5,146	36.2	1,862 85
Dec. —	Troops at Camp Alvord, Oregon, continuously engaged scouting during the month. Company D, 14th United States infantry; company C, 1st Oregon cavalry; and company I, 1st Oregon infantry	4	136	140	31	4,216	36.2	1,526 19
Dec. —	Troops in district of Nebraska actively engaged in scouting, &c., during the month:							
	Seventeen companies of infantry	50	848	898	31	26,288	21.4	5,625 63
	Thirty-eight companies of cavalry	144	2,883	3,027	31	89,373	21.4	19,125 82
	Total cost of rations consumed in 1865							359,788 46
	Total cost of rations consumed in 1864							155,459 74
	Total cost of rations consumed in 1864 and 1865							515,248 20

RECAPITULATION.

Cost of subsisting each of the following expeditions during the years 1864 and 1865, viz:

Captain G. B. Curry's expedition against the Snake Indians	$6,611 86
Colonel E. A. Riggs's Apache expedition	12,373 81
Captain J. M. Drake's expedition against the Snake Indians	6,992 25
Canyon City road expedition	27,399 83
Northwestern Indian expedition	126,122 76
Colonel Christopher Carson's expedition	4,371 84
Kiowa Indian expedition	4,576 03
Troops of the eastern sub-district of Nebraska	32,256 09
Troops at Fort Rice, Dakota Territory, while employed against Indians	8,861 01
Captain Titus's scout from Fort Yuma, California	3,979 95
Troops of the district of the Plains	167,495 92
Troops of the district of Nebraska	67,867 03
Troops at Fort Whipple, Arizona Territory, while engaged against Indians	3,137 35
Total	472,045 73

For cost of subsisting expeditions employed during one month or less time, see preceding statement.

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